

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1449

ANSWERED ON:11.03.2005

ODA FROM AUSTRALIA

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has revised the guidelines for the Australian ODA to India for small grant assistance for grassroots projects to be implemented by Non- Governmental Organizations working in social sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the bilateral development assistance received from Australia during each of the last three years, project-wise?

Answer

Minister of State in Ministry of Finance (Shri S.S.Palanimanickam)

(a) and (b) A statement is placed at Annex-I.

(c) A statement is placed at Annex-II.

Annex-I

Statement referred to in parts (a) and (b) of unstarred Lok Sabha question number 1449 to be answered on Friday, 11th March, 2005

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As per the guidelines of Government of India all countries, including Australia, can provide grant assistance directly to autonomous institutions, universities, NGOs, etc., directing such assistance towards projects of economic and social importance only.

2. Development Assistance to these organizations will be governed by the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 and only such organizations that are registered under the said Act, may receive such assistance. Organizations that are not registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act should obtain prior permission from the appropriate authority under the said Act.

3. The recipient NGOs, autonomous organizations etc. are required to fill a prescribed proforma and submit it through the concerned external development partner along with their proposals for concurrence of Department of Economic Affairs.

Annex-II

Statement referred to in part (c) of unstarred Lok Sabha question number 1449 to be answered on Friday, 11th March, 2005

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Details of project-wise bilateral development assistance committed by Australia to Government of India during the last three years

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S. No	Name of the Project (in Australian dollars)	Amount Committed
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1	India Australia Training and Capacity Building Project	15 million
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2	Bangalore Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project	6.7 million
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3 Gangtok-Shillong Urban Water 39.4 million
Supply and Environmental
Sanitation Programme